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SUPERVISORS WELCOME COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO BUDGET DANCE

Keep all options on the table: Revenue enhancements just as important as cuts and efficiencies

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., and Eyon Biddle, Sr., are responding to public comments made by County Executive Chris Abele at his first budget listening session Wednesday in Cudahy.

“I appreciate the County Executive’s candor and his admission that he did not previously understand the severity of our financial situation,” Supervisor Lipscomb stated. “He’s five months into his tenure as County Executive, and he now has five weeks to consider a more balanced approach. Revenue enhancements should be considered along with identifying efficiencies, service cuts and layoffs. All options should be on the table to fulfill the public’s desire for quality services at the lowest cost. Our residents deserve investments in public infrastructure, including transit and parks.”

“It’s time to welcome the County Executive to the dance,” Supervisor Biddle said. “We’ve known for quite some time that these negative realities have been swirling over Milwaukee County government. It’s unfortunate that, in the County Executive’s new reality, he is being stubborn with respect to revenue enhancements. Independent analysis from the Public Policy Forum has called for a balanced approach to overcoming these challenges. If the County Executive is truly looking at all options, then revenue enhancements need to be considered as well. He won’t govern effectively just by using an ax. The bottom line is it’s time for the County Executive to stop campaigning and start governing for the good of the people. He was elected to change the tone, not to repeat the mistakes of the past.”

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